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I. Organizational and other matters

A. States parties to the Convention

1. On 20 April 2018, the closing date of the twenty-eighth session of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, there were 51 States parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. During the period covered by the present report, there were no ratifications of or accessions to the Convention, however, the Gambia signed the Convention on 20 September 2017. The Convention was adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 45/158 on 18 December 1990 and entered into force on 1 July 2003, in accordance with the provisions of its article 87 (1).

2. A list of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention is contained in annex I. The updated status of the Convention, together with the texts of declarations and reservations and other relevant information, may be found in the United Nations Treaty Collection online at http://treaties.un.org, which is maintained by the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, which discharges the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

B. Meetings and sessions

3. The Committee held its twenty-seventh session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 to 13 September 2017. The session consisted of 16 plenary meetings (see CMW/C/SR.360–375). The provisional agenda (CMW/C/27/1) was adopted by the Committee at its 360th meeting on 4 September 2017.

4. The Committee held its twenty-eighth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 20 April 2018. The session consisted of 20 plenary meetings (see CMW/C/SR.376–395). The provisional agenda (CMW/C/28/1) was adopted by the Committee at its 376th meeting, on 9 April 2018.

C. Membership and attendance

5. All the members of the Committee attended its twenty-seventh session, except for Md. Shahidul Haque, Prasad Kariyawasam and Khedidja Ladjel.

6. All the members of the Committee attended its twenty-eighth session. Md. Shahidul Haque was absent for eight days during the session.

7. The list of the members of the Committee as at 20 April 2018, together with the duration of their terms of office, is provided in annex II to the present report.

D. Solemn declaration

8. At the eighth meeting of the States parties, held on 28 June 2017 at United Nations Headquarters, seven members of the Committee were elected to replace those whose terms of office had expired on 31 December 2017, in accordance with article 72 (1)–(5) of the Convention. At the opening of the 376th meeting (twenty-eighth session), on 9 April 2018, newly elected members, who will serve from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021, made the solemn declaration in accordance with rule 11 of the Committee's rules of procedures. The newly elected members are Alvaro Botero Navarro (Colombia), Ermal Frasheri (Albania), Mamane Oumaria (Niger) and Azad Taghi-Zada (Azerbaijan). The re-elected members are Md. Shahidul Haque (Bangladesh), Prasad Kariyawasam (Sri Lanka) and Ahmadou Tall (Senegal).

E. Election of officers

9. At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee elected the following officers for a term of two years, in accordance with rule 12 of its rules of procedure:

Chair: Ahmadou **Tall**

Vice-Chairs: Jasminka **Dzumhur**
María **Landazuri de Mora**
Can **Ünver**

Rapporteur: Khedidja **Ladjel**

F. Future meetings of the Committee

10. The twenty-ninth session of the Committee will be held from 3 to 12 September 2018 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

11. The thirtieth session of the Committee will be held for a two-week period in April 2019 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The dates have not yet been confirmed.

G. Participation in the twenty-ninth meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies

12. The Chair of the Committee participated in the twenty-ninth meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, held in New York from 26 to 30 June 2017. The meeting provided an opportunity to review progress made in response to General Assembly resolution 68/268 on the status of the treaty body system and to discuss a strategy of the human rights treaty bodies in preparation of the 2020 General Assembly review. The Chairs discussed reporting compliance by States parties, development of a common treaty body approach to engaging national human rights institutions, follow-up to concluding observations and treaty bodies and the sustainable development goals. The Chairs also held consultations with States, civil society and United Nations agencies on progress and gaps in the cooperation between human rights treaty bodies and stakeholders, as well as harmonization of working methods. The Chairs decided to identify common elements for discussion that could enhance the alignment of their working methods in various areas, such as follow-up to concluding observations, inquiry procedures, reprisals and remedies, and requested OHCHR to prepare, for discussion at their next meeting, a document that identified the progress achieved in aligning the working methods and practices of the treaty bodies since the adoption of resolution 68/268.

13. The Chairs also acknowledged the reassertion by Member States of their obligations under international human rights law in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants (General Assembly resolution 71/1). They stressed that the global compact on migration, which was being negotiated as an outcome of the New York Declaration, must be grounded in and guided by existing international human rights norms and standards. They noted that, while treaty bodies were encouraged, in accordance with their mandates, to support the State-led preparatory process for the global compact, their direct engagement had not been sought. In order to further the capacity of the compact to protect and promote the human rights of all migrants, the Chairs urged that the treaty bodies be invited to participate in and contribute to all the consultations and ongoing processes. The reports and information on the annual meetings of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies may be found online.[1]

[1] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/AnnualMeeting/Pages/MeetingChairpersons.aspx.

H. General comments and general discussion days

14. In November 2017, the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Committee on the Rights of the Child adopted joint general comments No. 3 and No. 4 (2017) of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families / No. 22 and No. 23 (2017) of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the human rights of children in the context of international migration. Following the adoption, the two Committees issued a statement emphasizing that the human rights of children must be at the forefront of the global migration agenda.[2]

15. The above-mentioned joint general comments aimed to help improve the protection of the human rights of children, who, in the context of international migration, were in a particular situation of vulnerability. Specific goals of the general comments included to elaborate for States parties and other key stakeholders guidelines for the development of policies relating to, inter alia, migration and childhood, aimed at protecting and realizing the rights of children in the context of international migration; to promote a clearly articulated interpretation of relevant provisions of the two Committees to assist in the further implementation of the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Convention on the Rights of the Child at the domestic level both in law and in practice; and to highlight the relevance of a rights-based approach in relation to the phenomenon of children in the context of international migration. The adoption of the joint general comments at this particular time also provided a unique opportunity to inform the negotiating and drafting process of the Global Compact on Migration.

16. The adoption process included a series of consultations held between May and July 2017 with representatives of key stakeholders and experts, including children and migrant organizations, in Bangkok, Beirut, Berlin, Dakar, Geneva, Madrid and Mexico City. In addition, the two Committees received more than 80 written contributions from States, United Nations agencies, civil society organizations and other stakeholders from every region of the world. The Committee on Migrant Workers would like to thank all of the partners that supported the initiative, in particular the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Information on the joint general comments can be found on the web page of the Committee.[3]

17. On 18 December 2017, the two Committees participated in a side event to promote the joint general comments, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UNICEF and the International Office for Migration (IOM). The event, entitled "Putting migrant children's rights up front", was held at UNICEF House in New York. Panellists included: William Swing, Director General of the International Office for Migration; Andrew Gilmour, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights and Head of the OHCHR New York Office; Susana Sottoli, Deputy Director, Programme Division, UNICEF; Pablo Ceriani from the Committee on Migrant Workers; Mikiko Otani from the Committee on the Rights of the Child; Eva Akerman-Borje, Senior Policy Advisor to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on International Migration; Anita Bay Bundegaard, International Advocacy Director, Save the Children; and Ahmed M. Badr, IOM Youth Champion. Additional information on this event can be found on the web page of the Committee on Migrant Workers.[4]

18. During its twenty-eighth session, the Committee held an event on 16 April 2018 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva to launch the joint general comments. The Chair of the Committee, Mr. Tall, made the welcoming statement. Orest Nowosad made a statement on behalf of OHCHR and also moderated the event. Panellists included: Mr. Ceriani, former Vice-Chair of the Committee on Migrant Workers; Benyam Dawit Mezmur from the Committee on the Rights of the Child; Laurent Chapuis, Regional Advisor on Migration, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia; Kristina Touzenis, Head of the

[2] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=22408&LangID=E.

[3] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/Submissions.aspx.

[4] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/Event18Dec2017.aspx.

International Migration Law Unit, IOM; Anne Dussart, Caritas Internationalis; and Pinar Aksu, an advocate from the Global Campaign to End Child Immigration Detention. Over 120 representatives of States, United Nations agencies and civil society organizations attended the event. Additional information on the event can be found on the web page of the Committee on Migrant Workers.[5]

19. At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee decided to develop a new general comment on the right to liberty of migrants and protection against arbitrary detention. Mr. Botero agreed to be the coordinator of a working group on the general comment. Members of the working group also included Ms. Dzumhur, Mr. Frasheri, Mr. Tall and Mr. Ünver.

I. Promotion of the Convention

20. At its twenty-seventh session, the Committee approved inputs for the Secretary-General's Report on the Global Compact on Migration,[6] highlighting that any global commitment on migration should be supported by the Convention as the most robust and comprehensive international instrument on human mobility since 1990, as well as the general comments of the Committee in addition to the human rights treaty body framework as a whole.

21. Mr. Ceriani, Vice-Chair of the Committee, was invited to participate in the sixth thematic session of the Global Compact on Migration on irregular migration and regular pathways, which was held in Geneva from 12 to 13 October 2017. The Committee was, however, not officially invited to participate in the first five thematic sessions. Many partners, including OHCHR, United Nations agencies and entities, civil society actors and members of the Committee, were present at the consultations and provided inputs from the floor calling for the Global Compact on Migration to provide a human rights-based framework for migration governance. Abdelhamid El Jamri provided input during the third thematic session, held in Geneva on 19 and 20 June 2017, and both he and Mr. Ünver provided inputs during the fourth thematic session, held in New York on 24 and 25 July 2017, underlining the fundamental importance of the Convention to the Global Compact. Mr. El Jamri also attended the preparatory meeting to take stock of the consultation phase of the Global Compact on Migration process, held in Mexico from 4 to 6 December 2017.

22. On 20 October 2017, the Chair of the Committee on Migrant Workers presented to the Third Committee of the General Assembly the annual report of the Committee on Migrant Workers on its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sessions (A/72/48). In addition to giving a press conference following the interactive dialogue with the Third Committee, the Chair also issued a statement on 20 October 2017, in which he called for States through the Global Compact on Migration to ensure a holistic and human rights-based approach to addressing the phenomenon of international migration in line with the international human rights treaty framework, including the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.[7] The Chair met with representatives of the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations to discuss promoting ratification of the Convention. He also met with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Migration, Louise Arbour, regarding the substantive inputs by the Committee on Migrant Workers to the Global Compact (see para. 20 above).

23. On 1 December 2017, the Committee issued a statement condemning the trafficking and sale of migrants in Libya and called on the Governments concerned to undertake urgent measures to end the human rights violations of migrant workers in Libya.[8] The Chair also joined a statement of United Nations and regional experts on migration in the light of the stocktaking meeting held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico from 4 to 6 December 2017, as part of

[5] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/Event16Apr2018.aspx.

[6] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CMW/Shared%20Documents/1_Global/INT_CMW_INF_8293_E.pdf.

[7] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CMW/Shared%20Documents/1_Global/INT_CMW_STA_8317_E.pdf.

[8] See www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/CMWIndex.aspx.

the Global Compact on Migration process. The statement underscored the need to ensure that the commitments contained in the Global Compact were based on human rights norms, including the Convention.[9]

24. On 18 December 2017, the Chair of the Committee, together with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, Felipe Gonzalez Morales, the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Anastasia Crickley, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Renata Winter, and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, E. Tendayi Achiume, issued a statement to mark International Migrants Day in which they called for States to spearhead a new way of thinking, speaking and acting on migration, stating that it was vital for States to recognize migrants' contributions to society and to recognize migrants as integral members of society and as equal rights holders.[10] The Chair of the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, together with United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), also issued a statement to mark International Migrants Day in which they called for the development of a gender-responsive global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration that promoted and protected the human rights of all migrants, especially women and girls.[11]

25. The Committee on Migrant Workers transmitted letters to the Permanent Missions of Mexico and Switzerland to the United Nations, the co-facilitators responsible for drafting the Global Compact on Migration, in which they expressed serious concern at the non-inclusion of the Convention as a reference in the Global Compact and urged the co-facilitators to ensure that the fundamental human rights of migrants as contained in the international human rights treaty framework, including the Convention, were expressly protected in the Compact. The letters were also sent to all Permanent Missions in Geneva and New York for information, and transmitted to other stakeholders.

26. The Committee also provided inputs to the 2018 high-level political forum on sustainable development relating to progress in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Committee, inter alia, provided a global-level assessment of the situation regarding the principle of ensuring that no one was left behind from the perspective of the Convention, identified areas requiring urgent attention regarding migration issues and made policy recommendations to ensure sustainable and resilient societies, highlighting the contributions of migrants to countries of origin and destination, and to ensure a rights-based approach.[12]

27. Members of the Committee continued to promote the Convention and the human rights of migrant workers and members of their families by: (a) participating in conferences, meetings, workshops and side events of United Nations entities and other international organizations, including OHCHR, UN-Women, the International Labour Organization (ILO), UNICEF, IOM, the Organization of American States and civil society organizations; (b) advising States parties on treaty implementation and the reporting process; (c) contributing to publications on the human rights of migrant workers and on other migration-related issues; and (d) participating in various forums with academics, students and other stakeholders. Members who reported on activities at the twenty-eighth session included Ms. Dzumhur, Mr. El Jamri, Ms. Ladjel, Ms. Landazuri, Mr. Tall and Mr. Ünver.

28. In 2017 and 2018, several members of the Committee participated in capacity-building training programmes and expert meetings relating to the human rights of migrants, on behalf of the Committee. From 25 to 29 September 2017, Mr. Tall participated in a "train-the-trainers" seminar in Dakar as part of the OHCHR treaty body reporting capacity-

[9] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT/CMW/STA/8625&Lang=en.

[10] See www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=22537&LangID=E.

[11] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT/CMW/STA/8618&Lang=en.

[12] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT/CMW/INF/8674&Lang=en.

building programme. In September 2017, he also participated in a conference in Dakar on migration and international human rights law, organized by the OHCHR West Africa Regional Office, the Rene Cassin Foundation/International Institute for Human Rights, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, the Embassy of France in Dakar and the Senegalese Committee for Human Rights. The conference focused on the Convention and its significance for West Africa. Mr. Tall further participated in a United Nations Development Assistance Framework seminar, held in Dakar in November 2017, co-organized by the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the Government of Senegal, at which he focused his presentation on the human rights-based approach and contribution of the human rights mechanisms. In addition, Mr. Tall wrote a report on begging and the abuse of children in Senegal, at the request of the OHCHR Regional Office and the Senegalese Ministry of Justice.

29. Ms. Dzumhur participated in the annual meeting of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, held in Geneva in February 2018, and spoke at a side event organized by OHCHR, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Global Alliance on the human rights of internally displaced persons. She also participated in an expert workshop, held in February 2018 in Geneva and organized by OHCHR, on the role and contributions of civil society organizations, academia, national human rights institutions and other relevant stakeholders in the prevention of human rights violations.

30. Ms. Landazuri represented the Committee on Migrant Workers at a side event organized by UN-Women, OHCHR and other stakeholders at the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York on 21 March 2018, on a gender-responsive global compact on migration. Furthermore, she held a meeting in New York with 12 delegates of permanent missions to the United Nations as well as members of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States that participate directly in the negotiations of the Global Compact on Migration. Ms. Ladjel participated in the development of a training project for the Algerian human rights institute on treaty bodies, with a particular focus on the Convention.

31. Mr. Oumaria participated in the National Day of Mobilization against Trafficking in Persons, held in the Niger on 28 September 2017, organized in cooperation with the OHCHR Regional Office to discuss irregular migration and trafficking of migrants. Mr. Ünver participated in the International Metropolis Conference, held in The Hague in September 2017, where he spoke on diaspora communities, the human rights of migrants and transnational justice. In December 2017, he also participated in a conference held in Ankara and organized by the Turkish Justice Academy for trainee judges, where he made a presentation on the Convention. In addition, in November 2017, he attended the Fifth Annual Conference on Security Challenges for Europe, organized by the Centre for Security Cooperation, South-East Europe, which focused on the challenges of irregular migration, as well as an expert workshop organized by UNHCR, held in Istanbul, Turkey, in March 2018, on the Global Compact on Refugees. Mr. Ünver published an article entitled "Migration in International Relations: Towards a Rights-Based Approach in the Global Compact?" with the Centre for Strategic Research of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

32. The Committee sent letters to all signatory States requesting that they consider ratifying the Convention, as well as to States parties that had not yet made the declaration under article 77 of the Convention recognizing the competence of the Committee to consider individual communications. The Committee also followed up with States that had made the commitment as part of the universal periodic review process to considering ratifying the Convention.

33. OHCHR held two meetings of the International Steering Committee of the Global Campaign for Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Migrants, in November 2017 and April 2018, the latter of which took place during the Committee's twenty-eighth session. The Steering Committee comprises representatives of intergovernmental agencies and of leading international human rights, church, labour, migrant and women's organizations. The discussions at the meetings focused on ways and means to further promote ratification of the Convention.

J. Meeting with States parties

34. The Committee decided to hold a meeting with States and other stakeholders during its twenty-ninth session, in September 2018, to provide information on the status of the Convention, reporting, working methods, treaty body strengthening, engagement with stakeholders and promotional activities.

K. Adoption of the report

35. On 20 April 2018, during its twenty-eighth session (376th meeting), the Committee adopted the present annual report to the General Assembly.

II. Methods of work

36. During its twenty-seventh session, the Committee, in line with its long-term programme of work, continued its cooperation with relevant United Nations agencies, offices, entities and other partners, including ILO, IOM, UN-Women, UNICEF, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and other partners.

37. During the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions, the Committee also discussed ways to strengthen the dialogue with States parties, including by clustering questions in order of the articles of the Convention and the use of a dialogue checklist to ensure coverage of the priority issues and to avoid repetition.

38. At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee discussed follow-up to concluding observations, having received three follow-up reports for its review at that session.[13] It also adopted guidelines for submission of reports by United Nations specialized agencies and a template for submissions by civil society organizations, national human rights institutions, and United Nations agencies and entities (CMW/C/1).

39. In addition, the Committee reviewed its workplan, adopted in 2014, and noted the progress made, in particular regarding the Committee's participation in relevant global and regional meetings, increased involvement of its members in OHCHR initiatives, joint action with other treaty bodies, and increased cooperation with civil society organizations, national human rights institutions, United Nations agencies and other stakeholders. The Committee, however, also noted that much work remained to be done regarding visibility of the Convention and promoting its ratification. It adopted a priority workplan covering the period 2018–2020. It also adopted a template on the country briefing note, which is to be prepared by the country rapporteurs to highlight migration flows, legal and policy issues and priority issues to strengthen the dialogue with the States parties.

40. The Committee met with the OHCHR Communications Officer to discuss how to engage strategically with the media in order to further raise the visibility of the Convention and the work of the Committee.

III. Cooperation with bodies concerned

41. The Committee continued its cooperation with United Nations specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations and national human rights institutions. While welcoming their contributions in relation to consideration of the reports of States parties, the Committee encouraged them to cooperate more actively with it by submitting country-specific information.

42. The Committee continued its close cooperation with ILO, which provided assistance in a consultative capacity, in accordance with article 74 (5) of the Convention, and with

[13] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/FollowUp.aspx?Treaty=CMW&Lang=en.

IOM, UNICEF and UN-Women. The Committee appointed Ms. Dzumhur, Ms. Landazuri and Mr. Ünver to take part in an expert working group established by UN-Women to address the human rights of women in the Global Compact on Migration process, building upon other joint initiatives, including the elaboration in November 2016 of recommendations to address women's human rights in the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.[14] The working group issued two statements to mark International Migrants Day and International Women's Day focusing on the human rights of women migrant workers, and also submitted "key points" to inform the negotiations on the Global Compact on Migration. The Committee held a meeting with UN-Women during its twenty-eighth session, at which the Director of the UN-Women Liaison Office in Geneva, Christine Loew, briefed the Committee on the European Union-funded Global Migration Project of UN-Women to strengthen strategic international human rights mechanism as well as other actors in protecting the rights of women migrant workers and the activities of the expert working group, of which the Committee was a part, to advocate for the rights of women migrant workers in the Global Compact on Migration. The Committee and UN-Women agreed to continue to strengthen cooperation on issues relating to women migrants, including the promotion of recommendations of the Committee through UN-Women field presences, further cooperation on advocacy for a human and gender rights-based Global Compact on Migration, information exchanges and a possible general comments on women in situations of international migration.

43. The Committee continued its cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, including the issuance of a joint press release (see para. 24 above). The Committee met with Mr. Morales, the newly appointed Special Rapporteur, during its twenty-eighth session and was briefed on his activities, including country visits to Mali and Nepal, his report to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-eighth session focusing on the return and reintegration of migrants, and his forthcoming thematic report to the General Assembly on access to justice for migrants. He also briefed the Committee on his activities related to the Global Compact on Migration, relevant conference meetings with stakeholders and promotional activities regarding the Convention and the recent joint general comments of the Committee on Migrant Workers and the Committee on the Rights of the Child (see para. 14 above).

44. The Committee continued its cooperation with the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and provided comments with respect to the revision of its Deliberation No. 5 on deprivation of liberty of immigrants and asylum seekers. It also met with the Working Group during its twenty-eighth session to discuss areas of further cooperation, including cooperation on the future general comment on the right to liberty of migrants and protection against arbitrary detention.

45. The former Chair of the Committee participated in the expert meeting on follow-up to treaty body recommendations, held on 26 and 27 October 2017 in Geneva and organized by OHCHR and the Geneva Academy.

46. The Committee met with the OHCHR migration team during the twenty-seventh and the twenty-eighth sessions and was briefed on the migration-related activities of OHCHR, which included an update on the Global Compact on Migration process and recent activities of OHCHR regarding migration, including advocacy initiatives to ensure a human rights-based approach to the Global Compact, various country visits, outreach to field presences on migration, capacity-building initiatives and publications.

IV. Reports of States parties under article 73 of the Convention

47. The Committee notes that, as at 20 April 2018, initial and periodic reports due under article 73 of the Convention had not yet been received from as many as 14 States parties. Annex III contains a table showing the due dates of the reports of States parties.

[14] See www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2017/3/addressing-womens-rights-in-global-compact-for-migration.

V. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 74 of the Convention

A. Adoption of lists of issues and lists of issues prior to reporting

48. At its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions, the Committee adopted two lists of issues on the second periodic report of Albania and Tajikistan, and six lists of issues prior to reporting in relation to States parties that had accepted to report under the simplified reporting procedure or those that had been notified, under rule 31 bis of the revised rules of procedure (see A/67/48 and Corr.1, para. 26), i.e. Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, Libya, Paraguay and Rwanda.

State party	*Type of report (due since)*	*Symbol of list of issues and list of issues prior to reporting*
Albania	Second periodic report (1 November 2015)	CMW/C/ALB/Q/2
Argentina	Second periodic report (1 October 2016)	CMW/C/ARG/QPR/2
Chile	Second periodic report (1 October 2016)	CMW/C/CHL/QPR/2
Guatemala	Second periodic report (1 October 2016)	CMW/C/GTM/QPR/2
Libya	Initial report (1 October 2005)	CMW/C/LBY/QPR/1
Paraguay	Second periodic report (1 May 2017)	CMW/C/PRY/QPR/2
Rwanda	Second periodic report (1 October 2017)	CMW/C/RWA/QPR/2
Tajikistan	Second periodic report (1 May 2017)	CMW/C/TJK/Q/2

B. Adoption of concluding observations

49. At its twenty-seventh session, the Committee considered the initial report of Indonesia and the third periodic reports of Ecuador and Mexico, in relation to the implementation of the Convention, and adopted concluding observations with respect to those States parties, in accordance with article 74 of the Convention.

50. At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee considered the initial reports of Guyana and the second periodic report of Algeria, with respect to the implementation of the Convention, and adopted concluding observations thereon, in accordance with article 74 of the Convention. It also considered the implementation of the Convention by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the absence of its initial report and in the absence of a delegation, pursuant to the Committee's rules of procedure, as revised, and issued concluding observations thereon.

51. The concluding observations adopted by the Committee at its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions are available from the Committee's web page[15] and from the Official Document System of the United Nations (http://documents.un.org) under the symbols indicated below.

State party	*Symbol of concluding observations*
Algeria	CMW/C/DZA/CO/2
Ecuador	CMW/C/ECU/CO/3
Guyana	CMW/C/GUY/CO/1

[15] See http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CMW/Pages/CMWIndex.aspx.

State party	*Symbol of concluding observations*
Indonesia	CMW/C/IND/CO/1
Mexico	CMW/C/MEX/CO/3
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	CMW/C/VCT/CO/1

52. Comments and observations by States parties on the concluding observations are available from the Committee's web page[16] under the relevant session number.

53. All documents issued in connection with sessions of the Committee can be found on the web page of the Committee.[17]

[16] Ibid.

[17] See http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/TreatyBodyExternal/SessionsList.aspx?Treaty=CMW.

Annex I

States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as at 20 April 2018

State	*Signature or succession to signature*	*Ratification, accession or succession*
Albania	-	5 June 2007[a]
Algeria	-	21 April 2005[a]
Argentina	10 August 2004	23 February 2007
Armenia	26 September 2013	-
Azerbaijan	-	11 January 1999[a]
Bangladesh	7 October 1998	24 August 2011
Belize	-	14 November 2001[a]
Benin	15 September 2005	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	-	16 October 2000[a]
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	13 December 1996[a]
Burkina Faso	16 November 2001	26 November 2003
Cambodia	27 September 2004	-
Cameroon	15 December 2009	-
Cabo Verde	-	16 September 1997[a]
Chad	26 September 2012	-
Chile	24 September 1993	21 March 2005
Colombia	-	24 May 1995[a]
Comoros	22 September 2000	-
Congo	29 September 2008	31 March 2017
Ecuador	-	5 February 2002[a]
Egypt	-	19 February 1993[a]
El Salvador	13 September 2002	14 March 2003[a]
Gabon	15 December 2004	-
Gambia	20 September 2017	
Ghana	7 September 2000	7 September 2000
Guatemala	7 September 2000	14 March 2003[a]
Guinea	-	7 September 2000[a]
Guinea-Bissau	12 September 2000	-
Guyana	15 September 2005	7 July 2010

State	*Signature or succession to signature*	*Ratification, accession or succession*
Haiti	5 December 2013	-
Honduras	-	9 August 2005[a]
Indonesia	22 September 2004	31 May 2012
Jamaica	25 September 2008	25 September 2008
Kyrgyzstan	-	29 September 2003[a]
Lesotho	24 September 2004	16 September 2005
Liberia	22 September 2004	-
Libya	-	18 June 2004[a]
Madagascar	24 September 2014	13 May 2015
Mali	-	5 June 2003[a]
Mauritania	-	22 January 2007[a]
Mexico	22 May 1991	8 March 1999[d]
Montenegro	23 October 2006[c]	-
Morocco	15 August 1991	21 June 1993
Mozambique	15 March 2012	19 August 2013
Nicaragua	-	26 October 2005[a]
Niger	-	18 March 2009[a]
Nigeria	-	27 July 2009[a]
Palau	20 September 2011	-
Paraguay	13 September 2000	23 September 2008
Peru	22 September 2004	14 September 2005
Philippines	15 November 1993	5 July 1995
Rwanda	-	15 December 2008[a]
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	29 October 2010[a]
Sao Tome and Principe	6 September 2000	10 January 2017
Senegal	-	9 June 1999[a]
Serbia	11 November 2004	-
Seychelles	-	15 December 1994[a]
Sierra Leone	15 September 2000	-
Sri Lanka	-	11 March 1996[a]
Syrian Arab Republic	-	2 June 2005[a]
Tajikistan	7 September 2000	8 January 2002
Timor-Leste	-	30 January 2004[a]
Togo	15 November 2001	-
Turkey	13 January 1999	27 September 2004

State	*Signature or succession to signature*	*Ratification, accession or succession*
Uganda	-	14 November 1995[a]
Uruguay	-	15 February 2001[a, f]
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	4 October 2011	25 October 2016

[a] Accession.

[b] On 23 January 2015, El Salvador made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under articles 76 and 77 of the Convention to receive and consider inter-State and individual communications.

[c] On 11 September 2007, Guatemala made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under articles 76 and 77 of the Convention to receive and consider inter-State and individual communications.

[d] On 15 September 2008, Mexico made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under article 77 of the Convention to receive individual communications.

[e] Succession to signature.

[f] On 13 April 2012, Uruguay made a declaration recognizing the Committee's competence under article 77 of the Convention to receive individual communications.

Annex II

Membership of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families as at 20 April 2018

Name of member	*Country of nationality*	*Term expires on 31 December*
Alvaro **Botero Navarro**	Colombia	2021
Jasminka **Dzumhur**	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2019
Ahmed Hassan **El-Borai**	Egypt	2019
Abdelhamid **El Jamri**	Morocco	2019
Ermal **Frasheri**	Albania	2021
Md. Shahidul **Haque**	Bangladesh	2021
Prasad **Kariyawasam**	Sri Lanka	2021
Khedidja **Ladjel**	Algeria	2019
Maria **Landazuri de Mora**	Ecuador	2019
Marco **Núñez-Melgar Maguiña**	Peru	2019
Mamane **Oumaria**	Niger	2021
Azad **Taghi-Zada**	Azerbaijan	2021
Ahmadou **Tall**	Senegal	2021
Can **Ünver**	Turkey	2019

Composition of the Bureau

Chair: Ahmadou **Tall**

Vice-Chairs: Jasminka **Dzumhur**
Maria **Landazuri de Mora**
Can **Ünver**

Rapporteur: Khedidja **Ladjel**

Annex III

Submission of reports under article 73 of the Convention as at 20 April 2018

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
Albania	Initial	1 October 2008	6 October 2009	Thirteenth (2010)
	Second	1 November 2015[a]	19 December 2016	Thirtieth (2019)
Algeria	Initial	1 August 2006	3 June 2008	Twelfth (2010)
	Second	1 May 2012	7 December 2015	Twenty-eighth (2018)
Argentina	Initial	1 June 2008	2 February 2010	Fifteenth (2011)
	Second	1 October 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-eighth session (2018)	-
Azerbaijan[b]	Initial	1 July 2004	22 June 2007	Tenth (2009)
	Second	1 May 2011	26 October 2011	Eighteenth (2013)
	Third	1 May 2018		-
Bangladesh	Initial	1 December 2012	28 December 2015	Twenty-sixth (2017)
	Second	1 May 2022		
Belize	Initial	1 July 2004	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the eighteenth session (2013)	Twenty-first (2014) in the absence of a report and of a delegation
	Combined initial to third	5 September 2016	-	-
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Initial	1 July 2004	22 January 2007	Eighth (2008)
	Second	1 July 2009	18 October 2011	Eighteenth (2013)
	Third	1 July 2018		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Initial	1 July 2004	2 August 2007	Tenth (2009)
	Second	1 May 2011	12 August 2011	Seventeenth (2012)
	Third	1 October 2017	1 November 2017	-
Burkina Faso	Initial	1 March 2005	6 November 2012	Nineteenth (2013)
	Second	13 September 2018	-	-
Cabo Verde	Initial	1 July 2004	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twentieth session (2014)	Twenty-third session (2015), in the absence of a report and of a delegation

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
	Combined initial to third	9 September 2016	-	-
Chile	Initial	1 July 2006	9 February 2010	Fifteenth (2011)
	Second	1 October 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-eighth session (2018)	-
Colombia	Initial	1 July 2004	25 January 2008	Tenth (2010)
	Second	1 May 2011	18 October 2011	Eighteenth (2013)
	Third	1 May 2018	-	-
Congo	Initial	1 July 2018	-	-
Ecuador[b]	Initial	1 July 2004	27 October 2006	Seventh (2007)
	Second	1 July 2009	23 November 2009	Thirteenth (2010)
	Third	1 July 2015	3 May 2017	Twenty-seventh (2017)
	Fourth	1 October 2022		
Egypt	Initial	1 July 2004	6 April 2006	Sixth (2007)
	Second	1 July 2009	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-sixth session (2017)	
El Salvador	Initial	1 July 2004	19 February 2007	Ninth (2008)
	Second	1 December 2010	19 February 2014	Twentieth (2014)
	Third	1 May 2019	-	-
Ghana	Initial	1 July 2004	31 August 2014	Twenty-first (2014)
	Second	5 September 2019	-	-
Guatemala[b]	Initial	1 July 2004	8 March 2010	Fifteenth (2011)
	Second	1 October 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-seventh session (2017)	Thirtieth (2019)
Guinea	Initial	1 July 2004	22 July 2015	Twenty-third (2015)
	Second	9 September 2020		
Guyana	Initial	1 November 2011	9 April 2018	Twenty-eighth (2018)
Honduras	Initial	1 December 2006	28 April 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Second	1 October 2021		
Indonesia	Initial	1 September 2013	28 April 2017	Twenty-seventh (2017)
	Second	1 October 2022		

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
Jamaica	Initial	1 January 2010	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-third session (2015)	Twenty-sixth (2017), in the absence of a report
	Combined initial and second	1 May 2019		
Kyrgyzstan	Initial	1 January 2005	10 June 2014	Twenty-second (2015)
	Second	24 April 2020	-	-
Lesotho	Initial	1 January 2007	1 December 2015	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Second	1 May 2021	-	
Libya	Initial	1 October 2005	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-seventh session (2017)	Thirtieth (2019)
Madagascar	Initial	1 September 2016	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-sixth session (2017)	Twenty-ninth (2018)
Mali	Initial	1 October 2004	29 July 2005	Fourth (2006)
	Second	1 October 2009	1 October 2013	Twentieth (2014)
	Third	1 May 2019	-	-
Mauritania	Initial	1 May 2008	13 October 2015	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Second	1 May 2021	-	
Mexico[f]	Initial	1 July 2004	14 November 2005	Fifth (2006)
	Second	1 July 2009	9 December 2009	Fourteenth (2011)
	Third	1 April 2016	19 May 2017	Twenty-seventh (2017)
	Fourth	1 October 2022		
Morocco	Initial	1 July 2004	12 July 2012	Nineteenth (2013)
	Second	13 September 2018	-	-
Mozambique	Initial	1 December 2014	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-sixth session (2017)	Twenty-ninth (2018)
Nicaragua	Initial	1 February 2007	31 August 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Second	1 October 2021	-	
Niger	Initial	1 July 2010	25 July 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Second	1 October 2021	-	

State party	Type of report	Date due	Date report received date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure	Session at which (will be) examined
Nigeria	Initial	1 November 2010	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-third session (2015)	Twenty-sixth (2017) in the absence of a report and of a delegation
	Combined initial and second	1 May 2018		
Paraguay	Initial	1 January 2010	10 January 2011	Sixteenth (2012)
	Second	1 May 2017	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-eighth session (2018)	-
Peru	Initial	1 January 2007	14 August 2013	Twenty-second (2015)
	Second	24 April 2020	-	-
Philippines	Initial	1 July 2004	7 March 2008	Tenth (2009)
	Second	1 May 2011	13 March 2014	Twentieth (2014)
	Third	1 May 2019	-	-
Rwanda	Initial	1 April 2010	21 October 2011	Seventeenth (2012)
	Second	1 October 2017	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-eighth session (2018)	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Initial	1 February 2012	List of issues prior to reporting adopted at the twenty-fourth session (2016)	Twenty-eighth (2018) in the absence of a report and of a delegation
Sao Tome and Principe	Initial	1 May 2018	-	
Senegal*	Initial	1 July 2004	1 December 2009	Thirteenth (2010)
	Second and third	1 November 2014	25 February 2016	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Fourth	1 May 2021	-	
Seychelles	Initial	1 July 2004	21 August 2015	Twenty-third (2015)
	Second	9 September 2020	-	-
Sri Lanka	Initial	1 July 2004	23 April 2008	Eleventh (2009)
	Second	1 November 2011	3 May 2016	Twenty-fifth (2016)
	Third	1 October 2021	-	
Syrian Arab Republic	Initial	1 October 2006	21 December 2006	Eighth (2008)
	Second	1 October 2011	-	-
Tajikistan	Initial	1 July 2004	3 December 2010	Sixteenth (2012)

State party	*Type of report*	*Date due*	*Date report received date of adoption of list of issues prior to reporting under the simplified reporting procedure*	*Session at which (will be) examined*
	Second	1 May 2017	2 May 2017-	Thirtieth (2019)
Timor-Leste	Initial	1 May 2005	1 September 2015	Twenty-third (2015)
	Second	9 September 2020	-	-
Turkey	Initial	1 January 2006	8 April 2016	Twenty-fourth (2016)
	Second	1 May 2021	-	
Uganda	Initial	1 July 2004	31 March 2015	Twenty-second (2015)
	Second	24 April 2020	-	-
Uruguay	Initial	1 July 2004	30 January 2013	Twentieth (2014)
	Second	1 May 2019	-	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Initial	1 February 2018	-	

[a] Extension requested until 1 February 2016.

[b] States parties that have accepted the simplified reporting procedure of the Committee by which the lists of issues prior to reporting adopted by the Committee and the written replies to the lists of issues prior to reporting shall be considered as the initial or periodic reports under article 73 (1) (b) of the Convention. The Committee may also adopt lists of issues prior to reporting in cases where it decides to review the implementation of the Convention in the absence of a report, under rule 31 bis of its rules of procedure.